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10/821,947	04/12/2004	Rodney James Dry	T2211-9060US01

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 MCLEAN, VA 22102-3833



CONFIRMATION NO. 2353

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 06/22/2004

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1-5, 7.
  - Numbers, letters, and reference characters on the drawings must measure at least 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. See Figure(s) 4-6.
  - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 6 too dark.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

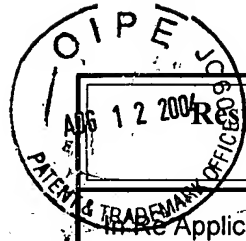
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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



**Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application  
Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533)(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
**T2211-9060US01**

In Re Application Of:

**Rodney James DRY et al.**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/821,947	April 12, 2004		181	1742	2353

Invention:

**Direct Smelting Plant and Process**

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) mailed on  
June 22, 2004  
Date

Enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533). **(REQUIRED)**
- ☐ An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☒ A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.
- ☐ An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☐ A verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☒ Other (list):

Assignment with check in the amount of \$40.00  
Certified Priority Document Appln. No. 2003901693  
Submission of seven (7) drawing sheets



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☒ Completion of application fees as calculated below:

- ☐ Utility application filing fee \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Design application filing fee \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Total number of independent claims = \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Total number of claims = \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Multiple dependent claims \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Surcharge for late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath **\$130.00**
- ☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Fee for processing an application filed with a non-English language specification \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Fee for processing and retention of application \_\_\_\_\_

Total completion of application fees **\$130.00**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the above-identified Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired). If an additional time extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: \_\_\_\_\_ until: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Date

Total time extension fees \_\_\_\_\_

Total fees due **\$130.00**



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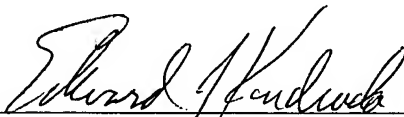
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**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

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The fee of **\$130.00** is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **50-1165**
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.

  
Signature

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Dated: **August 12, 2004**

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on \_\_\_\_\_ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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